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Letter dated 30 July 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 34 of the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 20 July 2000 (S/2000/718), in which the Secretary-General expressed the intention to appoint a senior official to be based in Beirut to help coordinate United Nations activities in regard to Lebanon.

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to appoint Michael C. Williams of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, replacing Johan Verbeke.

Mr. Williams is currently the United Kingdom Special Representative on Middle East and Special Projects. In his capacity as Special Coordinator, he will be my representative in Lebanon responsible for coordinating the work of the United Nations in the country. He will represent me on all political aspects of the United Nations work in Lebanon. Among other functions, the Special Coordinator will ensure that the activities of the country team are well coordinated with the Government of Lebanon, donors and international financial institutions in line with the objectives of the United Nations in Lebanon.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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